

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 5 and 20 are amended. No new matter is presented and all of the claims are supported by at least the specification.

Claims 5 and 20 are objected to for informalities. Applicants have amended claims 5 and 20 responsive to the Office Action's objection, thereby obviating the objection. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully appreciates the indication by the Examiner that the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters and that prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

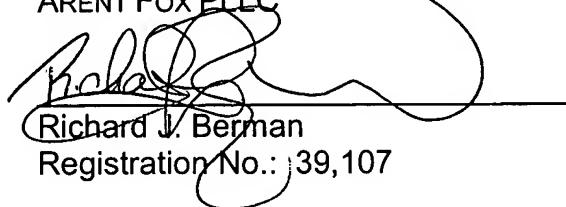
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding objection, allowance of claims 1-21, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing docket number 108910-00047.

Respectfully submitted,

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